## STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR ON THE SUN-HERALD WINNING A PULITZER PRIZE

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No newspaper ever deserved a Pulitzer Prize for Public Service any more than The Sun-Herald. The newspaper's management and staff lived through the darkest hours of Hurricane Katrina with its readers, forming a oneness that continues to this day. Even in the most adverse conditions imaginable, the newspaper never missed a beat as a valued source of vital information for its readers. Indeed, it never missed publishing even one day.

I congratulate Publisher Ricky Mathews, Executive Editor Stan Tiner and the entire company for their unwavering commitment to getting out the news day after day with the highest professional standards and under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. The Sun-Herald was clearly a major force for unity and strength in a community that still is benefiting from its leadership, and will for a long time to come.